# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON DIVISION

MARK SAUNDERS	)
Plaintiff,	) )
<b>v.</b>	) )
EMPIRE TODAY, LLC, GEOFFREY NUNEMAN and JLB CONCEPTS, INC. (F/K/A CHA COBRASOURCE, INCORPORATED),	) CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-CV-11484-GAO ) )
Defendants.	) ) )

## JOINT AND AGREED MOTION TO EXTEND DISCOVERY

Plaintiff Mark Saunders and Defendants Empire Today, LLC ("Empire"), and JLB Concepts, Inc. (f/k/a CHC COBRAsource, Incorporated) ("COBRAsource") (collectively, "the Parties") hereby jointly move this Court for an order striking the current May 30, 2014 fact discovery deadline and June 9, 2014 status hearing, and re-setting the status hearing for some time after the parties' June 17, 2014 mediation. In support of this Motion, the parties state as follows:

- 1. The fact discovery deadline is May 30, 2014. (See Dkt. # 104)
- 2. The parties previously agreed to mediate and more recently reached agreement on how the mediation fees would be split and on the selection of a private mediator (Maria Walsh of JAMS in Boston).
- 3. The parties made a concerted effort to schedule the mediation as soon as possible during the months of April and May 2014, given the May 30 discovery deadline and June 9 status hearing. Nevertheless, because of the complications inherent in coordinating the schedules

of three sets of attorneys and clients, the parties were unable to find a mutually agreeable date during April or May that was also available on Ms. Walsh's calendar. As a result, the mediation is now scheduled for June 17, 2014.

- 4. The parties are hopeful that the mediation will lead to a resolution of this lawsuit. In order to avoid incurring additional fees on discovery in the meantime, the parties believe it would be more efficient for the Court and the parties to strike the current May 30 discovery deadline and June 9 status hearing and re-set the status hearing for a date following the June 17 mediation. At that point, the parties will be able to report to the Court on the outcome of the mediation, the prospects for settlement, and (in the event a settlement has not been reached) how much time is required to complete discovery, such that the Court could then set a new discovery deadline.
- 5. The Parties agree to this requested relief and do not believe it will prejudice any party or unnecessarily delay these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that this Court (1) enter an order striking the May 30, 2014 discovery deadline and the June 9, 2014 status hearing; and (2) re-setting the status hearing for a date after the parties' scheduled June 17, 2014 mediation.

Respectfully submitted,

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